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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EALR EMIN ETRD

SUBJ: IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION

REF: A. STATE 9314, B. STATE 62802

1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL LATE APRIL 1, MISSION ATTEMPTED
CONTACT Y.T. SHAH, INDIAN COMMERCE SECRETARY, BUT WAS
UNABLE ARRANGE APPOINTMENT UNTIL EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 2.
AT THAT TIME, WE FORMALLY INDICATED US INTEREST IN ATTEND-
ANCE AS OBSERVER AT CURRENT IRON ORE EXPORTERS MEETING
GENEVA AND AT FUTURE MEETINGS. IN EXPLAINING REQUEST, NOTED
US INTEREST IN SUBJECTS ASSOCIATION WOULD BE DEALING
WITH (PARA 4 REFTEL B) AND OUR VIEW THAT COMMODITY
PROBLEMS BEST DEALT WITH IN CONTEXT PRODUCER-CONSUMER
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COOPERATION.

2. IN REPLYING, SHAH STATED THAT INDIA WAS NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION AND AGREED ON NEED FOR COOPERATION. GROUP BEING CREATED WAS NOT PRODUCERS CARTEL. CONCERNING PRESENT MEETING, HE SAID IT WAS ESSENTIALLY OVER - ONLY SIGNING CEREMONY REMAINED - AND IN ANY CASE IT HAD BEEN MAINLY CEREMONIAL, PLUS CERTAIN MINOR POLISHING OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT AND FILLING IN OF DETAILS. IN VIEW OF THIS, HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN OUR ATTENDING AT THIS STAGE. HE SAID NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR SIGNATORIES TO RATIFY AGREEMENT, AND AFTER SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF RATIFICATIONS, IT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT. HE SIAD AGREEMENT ENVISAGES PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS WITH CONSUMERS. HE STATED THERE IS NO PROVISION IN AGREEMENT FOR PERMANENT OBSERVERS, ALTHOUGH HE CONFIRMED THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF INVITING NON-MEMBERS TO SOME MEETINGS ON AD HOC BASIS. (HE SAID HE FORGOT WHETHER ONLY EXPORTERS COULD BE INVITED OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INVITE ANY INTERESTED COUNTRIES.) HE IMPLIED BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR US TO AWAIT ACTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ORGANIZATION AND THEN TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCEDURES IT INCLUDES FOR PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE. HOWEVER, IF AFTER ORGANIZATION WAS IN EXISTENCE, WE CONTINUED WANT OBSERVER STATUS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ORGANIZATION ITSELF TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST. SHAH VOLUNTEERED THAT HE STOOD READY TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH EMBASSY NEW DELHI AS SITUATION EVOLVED.

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